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TAGS: PINS, CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA)(SMITH, KENNETH STEPHEN)

(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

SUBJ: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: EXCHANGE GROUP DEPARTS FOR EASTERN
ZAIRE

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2296 AND DAR ES SALAAM 2260

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED RADIO REPORT FROM KIGOMA AT 1945 HOURS
LOCAL, 27 JUNE, THAT MESSENGER HAS RETURNED FROM PRP TERRITORY
WITH TWO LETTERS, ONE SIGNED BY CARRIE JANE HUNTER WHOSE SIGNATURE
VERIFIED BY HER FATHER.

2. LETTERS REPORT STUDENTS WELL AND APPARENTLY GAVE INFORMATION
ON HOW CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE ON ZAIRE SIDE OF LAKE.

3. BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY POOR RADIO RECEPTION AND CONTINUED
TELEPHONE LINE FAILURE, WE UNABLE TO HEAR FULL MESSAGE.

4. THRUST OF REPORT, HOWEVER, IS THAT EXCHANGE PARTY TO DEPART
AT 2030 HOURS LOCAL, 27 JUNE, PRESUMABLY TO DEPOSIT RANSOM

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AND RETURN WITH STUDENTS.

5. WE HAVE RAISED AMEMBASSY NAIROBI AND HOPE TO HAVE THEM MONITOR KIGOMA SO WE CAN GET CLEARER PICTURE OF DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

6. WILL KEEP ADDRESSEES ADVISED.

7. HAVE JUST GOTTEN THROUGH TO MACFARLANE IN KIGOMA AT 2035 HOURS LOCAL, AND HE CONFIRMS THAT ONE LETTER GAVE FULL PARTICULARS ON NEW POINT OF EXCHANGE ON WESTERN SIDE OF LAKE. LETTER SAID PARTY SHOULD DEPART KIGOMA SIDE BETWEEN 2000 HOURS AND 2100 HOURS LOCAL, AND SO BAPTIST MISSION BOAT DEPARTING AT THIS MOMENT. IF ALL GOES WELL, PARTY SHOULD RETURN WITH STUDENTS BETWEEN 0000 HOURS AND 0200 HOURS LOCAL, 28 JUNE.

8. JUST TO KEEP THINGS CONFUSED, MACFARLANE SAID SECOND LETTER INDICATED THAT THE PICKUP SHOULD BE SATURDAY NIGHT, SAME TIME AND PLACE. MACFARLANE ASSUMES LETTER ADDRESSED TO NONDO WHICH CALLS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT EXCHANGE ONE UPON WHICH THEY SHOULD ACT. CARTER

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